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Nixon insists on Soviet "expulsion"

SUPERPOWER TALKS CONTINUE

Hod tells CJN:

OUR AIR FORCE READY

Major-General Hod

By Moshe Ron, The Canadian Jewish News correspondent

Tel Aviv (Exclusive Report). - General Mordecai Hod, the Commander of the Israeli Air Force, told The Canadian Jewish News in an exclusive interview here:

". . .The Israeli Air Force, notwithstanding the new situation in the Suez Canal area and the activity of Soviet pilots and experts, has not yet used all its means and possibilities for defense."

This statement was made in connection with various rumors concerning the effectiveness of the Soviet SAM-2 and SAM-3 missiles. The aim of the Russians, Hod said, is to cross the Canal; "they won't".

(In New York, General Yitzhag Rabin, the Israeli Ambassador to Washington who was the Commander of the Israeli forces during the Six-Day-War, denied in a television interview that Israel intends to use atomic weapons in the Middle East war operations. Israel, he said, will not be the first to introduce nuclear arms there. His statement followed a leak from the State Department that the United States is convinced Israel is capable of producing atomic weapons.)

Here, in Israel, the government sources declared they reject Secretary Rogers' suggestion of a 90-day ceasefire. The acceptance of such a "solution", Israeli sources say, would be tantamount to agreeing to a legal resumption of attacks after the three-month period is over. A ceasefire, Israeli officials say, must be unconditional and without time limit, according to the United Nations security decision in 1967.

The New York Times reported from Cairo that Nasser is now ready to accept the Rogers plan which includes the provision for a 90-day ceasefire.

In his interview General Hod also said that Israel's patience and endurance is motivated by the knowledge that it will always find "the appropriate answers to cope with any new situation. It did so in the past and will do so in the future. If another military confrontation is forced upon us", General Hod continued, "Israel can only score another victory."

This week your correspondent visited an air base observing Israeli planes taking off to bomb enemy positions across the Canal. I talked to some pilots, some of them students who two days before had graduated from the Hebrew University. They are all in the best spirits, and unafraid.

Leaders who initiated important Canada to Israel export deal. - From left to right: Samuel Bronfman, Ray D. Wolfe, Allan Bronfman.

Historic agreement signed in Ottawa

ISRAEL NOW BIG BUSINESS FOR CANADA

EXCLUSIVE CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS REPORT

Israel, slowly but surely, is becoming big business for Canada's export industry. This is the latest report from our capital where Canadians interested in industry and commerce initiated important and substantial export deals with Jerusalem.

Jean-Luc Pepin, Canada's Minister for Industry, Trade and Commerce, told a meeting at Parliament Hill that leading Canadian businessmen should be lauded for their initiative in promoting exports from this country to Israel.

A luncheon took place at the Chateau Laurier immediately following the signing of a purchasing agreement of equipment for a new thermal-electric power station in Israel.

The Canadian Government, according to Mr. Pepin, authorized a $15 million dollar loan which will finance this order. The loan was issued by the Canadian Export Development Corporation to the Industrial Development Bank of Israel, which in turn will finance contracts negotiated by Israelis here.

Those most active in the promotion of this first important Canada-Israel commercial deal were: Samuel Bronfman of Montreal; Ray D. Wolfe of Toronto, chairman of the Canada-Israel Trade Committee; and Allan Bronfman. Mr. Samuel Bronfman, who has been active with Mr. Wolfe in promoting the idea of more Israeli orders for Canada, could not attend the ceremony because of indisposition.

In his statement at the signing ceremony, The Honorable Mr. Pepin said:

"This is quite a significant piece of business for Canada, and I congratulate the exporters and those key individuals who contributed to this important agreement. A power plant will be an excellent example of Canadian technology and engineering in the Israeli market."

The agreement was signed in Ottawa's Confederation Hall, Houses of Parliament, on July 15th, and constitutes the first of several large projects in process of negotiation with the Canadian government and Canadian manufacturers.

Taking part in the signing ceremony were: Mr. Ray D. Wolfe; Mr. Allan Bronfman; David Friedman, Managing Director of the Israeli Development Bank; J. M. Douglas, President of Babcock, Wilcox Limited; H. T. Aitken, President and V. L. Chapin, Vice-President, Canada Export Corporation; Emmanuel Shimoni, Israeli Embassy Counsellor; and senior officials of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in Ottawa. Also active in the negotiations are: officials of the Trade Departments of the provincial governments of Ontario and Quebec, and officials of the following business firms interested in exports: Anaconda Brass Limited, Toronto; Canadian Ingersoll Rand Limited, Montreal; M. L. W. Worthington Ltd., Montreal; as well as manufacturers and suppliers of steel, turbines, generators, wire, etc.

The thermal-electric power station will be named after the late Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, and will be built at Ashdod, a port city 25 miles south of Tel Aviv.

This agreement, and other similar deals involving Israeli business interests throughout the free world, demonstrates the continuous growth of Israel's economic prosperity despite the war tension in the Middle East.

According to the United States Economic Trends Report, Israel's industrial output has risen tremendously in 1968 and 1969.

According to a report in the French magazine Le Nouvel Observateur, Israel's metallurgic and electronic industries have risen to such a point that they employ twice the number of workers and engineers they had in 1967. The number of those involved in these industries, which are mostly responsible for the present economic boom in beseiged Israel, is said to be close to 126,000.

MAJOR OBSTACLE

New York, (JCNS). - While the State Department looks hopefully to Moscow for some positive Russo-Egyptian response to the peace proposals put forward by the Secretary of State, Mr. William Rogers, the White House is believed to have decided in favor of a major shift in United States policy, which will have the effect of strengthening Israel.

Knowledgeable US sources contend that President Nixon has come to the conclusion that the Russians have already gone much further in Egypt than is acceptable to the United States, and that diplomatic efforts to dissuade Moscow from further military involvement have not only failed but have encouraged the Egyptians to step up the provocation of Israel.

If this assessment of White House thinking is correct -- and it is coming increasingly to be shared by informed observers -- then a long chapter in US-Israel relations may be coming to an end. America may no longer behave as the reluctant ally of Israel, as she has behaved almost since the State's foundation.

US AND NATO ASSET

Washington is now seen as preparing itself to recognize Israel as a major US and Nato asset and an abstacle to Soviet ambitions in the Mediterranean and the Middle East, rather than as a major liability for American interests in Arab lands.

But the questions will remain: Is the stick of strong words wielded by Mr. Nixon designed to complement the carrot of a peace initiative dangled by Mr. Rogers? Is the purpose of the exercise to persuade the Russians to endorse a settlement acceptable to the Americans but not necessarily to Israel?

There is no definite answer, but it appears certain that Mr. Nixon and his adviser, Dr. Henry Kissinger, have assumed control of Middle East policy, that their approach is that the US must help Israel against the Russians, and that delay and equivocation have already cost much to Israel and to US national interests as well.

APPEAL FOR FAITH BY HASIDIC LEADER

by a CJN reporter

The most prominent Hassidic leader of North America, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson of Brooklyn, N.Y. known as the Lubavitcher Rebbe, last week issued a call to world Jewry to reject despair at this moment of trial and challenge.

The Rebbe addressed tens of thousands gathered in Brooklyn. His all-night address, interrupted by Hassidic songs, and delivered on the occasion of the Lubavitch Hag Hageulah, was broadcast by radio to Hassidic assemblies in many parts of the world, including Montreal and Toronto. Many gathered in the Lubavitch centers of Montreal and Toronto to listen to the broadcast.

Rabbi Schneerson told the Hasidim that the present political situation involving the Land of Israel demonstrates an historic truth: the Jews are a people apart, a nation apart, not recognized by the world community as being identical with other peoples. Each generation must rediscover the fact that a different criterion is being applied to Jews. This also is the strength, the inner power of the Jewish people. Also, he said, no one should expect territories of historic Eretz Israel reconquered in this generation to be taken away.

The Rebbe said: there are two characteristics of self-emancipation of a people, the physical and the spiritual. The second expression of sovereignty comes from within, learning to live as Jews.

MOSCOW UNDERSTOOD WASHINGTON WARNING ABOUT ISRAEL ATOM

By the CJN Diplomatic Editor

The Soviet Union and the United States are conducting secret negotiations about the Middle East conflict. It seems that the United States has not changed its basic demand that the Soviet Union must retreat from active participation in Egypt's military activities. On Monday, President Nixon again explained Washington's terms for a settlement when he said that the United State's insists on the "expulsion" of Russian pilots and missles from the UAR while qualifying this request as "not expulsion by force".

Also, the President repeated an earlier statement that the balance of power between Egypt and Israel must be maintained in order to prevent one of the parties from escalating the war.

The Soviet Union and the United States seem to agree on a cooling-off-period and they hope to find a settlement by the end of September.

Recent diplomatic activities demonstrate that the tougher the line Washington is taking, the softer is the response from Moscow.

OPPOSES TERRORISTS

According to an editorial last Monday in the influential Paris daily Le Monde, the Soviet Union takes a strong position against the political demands of the Arab Guerilla organizations. Le Monde, and the well informed Agence France-Presse, both declare that the joint comminiqué published by Moscow and Cairo at the termination of the Nasser visit intentionally ommitted to mention a "Palestinian nation," a "Palestinian state" and is merely talking about the "refugees". This proves, according to diplomatic sources, that Moscow is determined to deal with Nasser only in the pursuit of what both call a "political settlement" of the Middle East issues.

Moscow, informants say, is not impressed by the performance of the so-called Palestinian guerillas. It maintains these terrorist organizations have succeeded to publicize themselves more than they actually achieve on the battlefield. Both Cairo and Moscow know by now that the "Palestinians" are not in a position to undermine the existence of the State of Israel, despite harrasement of the Jewish Nation.

ATOMIC WEAPONS WARNING

Moscow also took into consideration the repeated warnings from Washington that Israel is an atomic power which would not be "the first to use nuclear arms in the Middle East," BUT WOULD launch such defense "in dire need". Thus, according to Washington, Israel should not be provoked into any desperate move.

Washington believes that, in cooperation with France, prior to 1967, and West Germany, Israel has become more advanced in her preparedness for atomic warfare than are such countries as India, Japan and Sweden, which also have the technical capacities for atomic producing arms. But, say the Americans, these countries are not believed to have done so, or to have moved as close to it as has Israel.

In the meantime the Arab guerrila organizations warned Nasser that they would reject any Middle East plan that would not guarantee the "complete liberation of Palestine". which means elimination of Israel.

The prediction in Western capitals is: secret negotiations will continue no matter what Nasser says in public.

As Le Monde explains the situation at this moment:

"Nasser's visit to Moscow demonstrated the closeness between Russia and Egypt, but also the ambiguity in their rapport."

MOURNED BY ISRAEL. - Moshe Chaim Shapira, world leader of Religious Zionists, and Minister of Interior of Israel who died last Thursday in Jerusalem at the age of 68. The President of Israel and Prime Minister Golda Meir eulogized Shapira at the funeral procession on Sunday at which thousands participated. (Editorial page 4)

Inventory

BY M. J. NURENBERGER

WILL RUSSIA FIGHT THE U.S.?

The theories of all those who discuss the problem of "how far" Israel would retreat from newly conquered territories now have become purely academic. It is clear that the Middle East situation already has entered the phase of political if not military confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union. Can the Arabs and Jews settle the problems dividing them while the Soviet Union ostensibly has chosen this spot on the planet as its central point of imperialistic intrigue?

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I predict: the Soviet Union now will apply every diplomatic gimmick in order to convince the world that "Israel only" is in the way of establishing international order and peace. Moscow will make important concessions to West Germany; she will suggest acceptable arrangements at the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) in Vienna in order to convince uninformed opinion in the United States that she is for peace and disarmament; she might not intensify the military aid to Indo-Chinese revolutionaires. In one word, Russia will be all sweet and honey in all areas of discussion and disagreement between her and the United States except in the Middle East.

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It is beyond any doubt that the Communist hierarchy in Moscow has decided to hold onto its occupation of Egypt and Syria by hook and crook, propaganda, deceit and, of course by military intervention.

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In his now famous television interview, United States President Nixon stated openly that what is now transpiring in the eastern Mediterranean is not a conflict between Arabs and Israelis; it is the first serious effort by Moscow to dislodge Washington from its paramount position and influence in the international terms.

I never believed that the leaders of the Soviet Union are necessarily antisemitic; however they have exploited to the fullest advantage anti-Jewish prejudice and bigotry in order to portray the latest international struggle for power as something which affects "the Jews only". In this respect, the leaders of the Soviet Union have followed to the letter the Hitlerite propaganda tricks by continuously assaulting "aggressive Israel which threatens the peace of the world". Prior to World War II Hitler succeeded to lull international opinion into slumber. The world did not listen to anyone such as Winston Churchill, who had cautioned the governments of the democracies against the Nazi ambitions to conquer. They were labeled "Jew lover". Today, in the Russian propaganda arsenal, the term has been changed to "Zionist" because humanity still remembers how camouflage of international threats by antisemitic innuendo worked in favor of Hitler.

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The latest report from Moscow and Cairo that Nasser is ready to accept the Rogers' plan also is a part of that brilliant Communist propaganda offensive. For again the problem is not a territorial compromise between Israel and Egypt -- of the two only Israel is a free agent in a position to determine its policy -- but whether Moscow will relinquish its Cuba-missile-type presence in Egypt and find an accommodation with the United States.

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There are some who compare the present tension in the Middle East with the beginning of the cold war, in 1946 and 1947. Also, others find a resemblance with the situation prevailing during the period of the Korean war. Others still talk about the aftermath of Stalin's death, especially the year 1954 when the Soviet Union actively pursued the salami tactic and was stopped by the United States.

The Left, and I am referring to some in the democratic Left, which usually is duped by pseudo-liberal slogans, finds some comparison with the situation in Indo-China. The same leftists who maintain that the United States has no right to intervene in Viet Nam remain silent in the face of Soviet intervention and Soviet aggression in the Middle East.

The comparison with Indo-China is almost irrelevant because the United States has finally become convinced that it was being misled by Moscow into accepting a Pearl Harbor at the Suez Canal with amphibious vehicles all ready for crossing into Israeli-held Sinai.

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Since the Soviet Union has determined to enter the Middle East, exploiting the Arabs for its purposes, Israel has warned the West: he who occupies a position of strength in that area practically controls the crossroads of our planet. Bigotry, the traditional "beat the Jew!" bias, has blinded many from noticing this fact. In 1967 prior to the Six-Day-War Israel stood alone, with no help from any source and with some of her best friends preparing the most moving obituaries about her demise in the best post-Auschwitz tradition. In 1967, one should not forget the isolated and embattled nation also faced Russian armor and planes but without active participation of so many Soviet soldiers and pilots. The defeat of the Arab armies then had compromised the Soviet Union's military support of Egypt and Syria. The Russian image was rebuilt because the West was duped.

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This time whether it is true or not as an American State Department official declared this week, that Israel is a nuclear power, and is capable of producing atomic arms, the Jewish State because of the bitter experience of Historic Israel for 2,000 years, has been forced to rely upon its own inventiveness and genius in order to survive.

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Israel now is making every endeavor to bring about a situation where the Middle East would cease to be an area of conflict and potential new world war conflagaration. But it does not depend upon her alone what the next Soviet move will be. In the most recent weeks it has become clear that Nixon's change of policy, and his challenge to Moscow, has not diminished the chances of peace but to the contrary: it has opened a new, limited vision of possible coexistence. The stiffer the American attitude, the meeker the replies from Moscow and Cairo.

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Thus all speculation about "hawks" and "doves" in the Israeli cabinet and other journalistic acrobatics about Israel's intentions are infantile as was the notorious essay by the would-be Jewish Leader Nahum Goldmann in the Foreign Affairs quarterly. Goldmann's theory was that Russia would not enter actively the war on the side of Egypt, nor would the United States consider itself involved in a serious threat to Israel. This theory fell apart as a house of cards.

The same could be said about Goldmann's supporters in the Canadian press and in the United States. Developments in the Middle East do not depend exclusively upon any decision made by Israel concerning territorial adjustments. The question is as blunt as that: will Russia go to war in order to maintain her newly won rule over Egypt?

Moshe Ron (Left), our correspondent with Israeli editors at the Suez. (Story on Page 4)

TORONTO SYNAGOGUES AND ORGANIZATIONS

ONTARIO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS OF COMMUNITY HEBREW ACADEMY OF TORONTO

The following graduates of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto won Ontario Government scholarships on the basis of excellence in General Studies: Naftali Neuburger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Neuburger; Ira Grafstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Grafstein; Michael Ostro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ostro; Naomi Schild, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Erwin Schild; Joseph Baum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Baum; Lorne Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young; Chaim Shainhouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shainhouse; Diane Konigsberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Konigsberg; Nathan Kirsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kirsh; Kenneth Greenwald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Greenwald; Asher Frankel, son of Rabbi Dr. and Mrs. Israel Frankel; Arthur Rosenzweig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rosenzweig.

Out of a class of 32 graduating students, 31 have been accepted by the University of Toronto. In addition, all who applied were accepted by York University.

Two of the graduates, Diane Konigsberg and Naomi Schild, will be going to Israel to study for the coming school year. A third graduate, Asher Frankel, will be attending Yeshiva University.

Naftali Neuburger, in addition to the Ontario Government scholarship, has also won a University of Toronto scholarship.

The students have benefited from an intensive, quality Jewish Day School education, over a period of twelve to thirteen years.

The Community Hebrew Academy is sponsored by the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto and is supervised by the Board of Jewish Education. Mr. Samuel J. Sable is President of the Academy. Mr. Jacob Burke, M.A., is Principal of the Hebrew Department. Dr. Solomon Burack is Principal of General Studies.

The Academy presently has an enrollment of close to 200 students in grades 10-13. The majority of them are graduates of the Associated Day School and Junior High. Some of the students enrolled come from the Eitz Chaim Day School and the United Synagogue Day School.

New mini-city

FOREIGN INVESTORS ATTRACTED

Tel Aviv, (JCNS). - Work is proceeding apace on Tel Aviv's new central bus station, which will serve all urban and inter-urban bus traffic. But the terminal, through which half a million people are expected to pass daily, will not be simply a bus station. It will be a "mini-city" with two cinemas, a bowling alley, restaurants, snack bars and large shopping arcades (not to mention the heliport planned for the roof or the air terminal, complete with customs and passport clearance facilities, planned for part of the ground floor).

About 385,000 square feet have been set aside for shops, half of which Mr. Arie Pilz, the prime mover and majority shareholder in the $40 million project, intends to be made available for middle-class immigrant families previously engaged in trade.

Already, nearly 170 prospective immigrants from 12 countries have signed contracts to acquire ownership of premises totalling some 93,000 square feet in the "mini-city". A similar area has been sold to Israeli businessmen.

The foreign investors in the shops are mainly from Iran and Turkey, though there are some from France, Italy, the US and elsewhere. Mr. Pilz expects the number from Western Europe to increase considerably as a result of a sales drive being launched there.

Immigrant investors will benefit from all the concessions, including tax reductions, accorded under the Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investment in respect of "approved real estate" and the right to repatriation of profits and the original investment.

The average cost of a shop is between $25,000 and $40,000.

It is expected that the bus terminal will be ready for operation by the end of 1972, thus giving prospective immigrants plenty of time to sell their assets abroad and make all the necessary preparations for settling in Israel.

Travel

BY DAVID PELA

Tourists to Israel not deterred

Crisis or no crisis the tourists continue to pour into Israel in ever-increasing numbers. And throughout the country new hotels are going up to accommodate visitors arriving from all parts of the world.

Development plans at the Red Sea port of Elath are typical of those in other parts of Israel. When the State was established in 1948 Elath (or Umm Rashrash as it was called by the Arabs) was a deserted area with but a single building -- a small police station built by the British mandatory authorities.

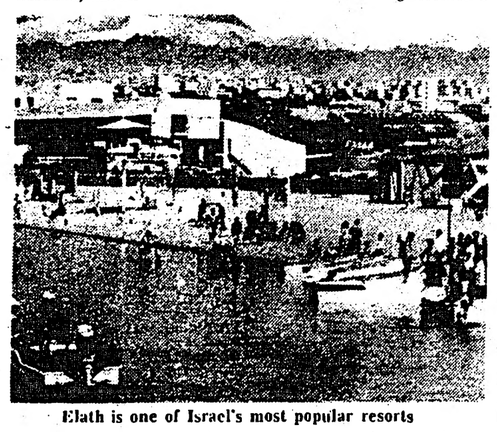
Today it is a bustling port and holiday resort with fine hotels and excellent tourist facilities. Apart from being an ideal winter resort -- winter temperatures rarely drop below 75 degrees F. -- it is today also an excellent base for exploring Sinai.

Sharm el-Sheikh, on the Tiran Straits and the southernmost point held by Israel, has become a major tourist attraction for both overseas visitors and Israelis, and the new road being constructed to that area from Elath will increase the popularity of the region.

Elath itself is taking on a gay Continental-type resort appearance. Visitors will now find rows of sunshades on the North Beach, and new establishments like the Neptune Nightclub and the Red Rock Hotel (the hotel has a swimming-pool) are proving very popular. No fewer than 50,000 visitors went to Elath during Passover and the authorities expect this figure to be doubled next year.

The tourist on a tight itinerary will not be able to stay long at Elath. But Arkia, Israel's internal airline, runs excellent, inexpensive tours to the area from the north enabling the tourist to see most of the local attractions within a few hours.

Local sightseeing is well organized. The Ya'alat Tourist Service, for example, run by Sheila Meltzer (formerly of London) and her husband, has air-conditioned mini-buses engaged on tours to places like King Solomon's Mines and Neweibeh, on the coastal strip on the way to Sharm el-Sheikh. It also has a cabin-cruiser for trips to both Nuweibeh and Sharm el-Sheikh and similar vessels for shorter trips and fishing expeditions. This company also has day trips by small aircraft to Sharm el-Sheikh, and a riding school, undoubtedly the only one of its kind on the Red Sea!


Elath is one of Israel's most popular resorts

Sports facilities generally in the Elath area are very good. Sailing, underwater fishing and deep-sea diving are among the many water sports arranged locally on an organized basis.

And one of the most popular forms of relaxation at Elath is to explore the coral reefs in glass-bottomed boats.

A TIME OF PARTING

by Sydney Bunt

If you could draw a monthly graph of the anxiety of Jewish parents, the readings for July and August would surely show a massive increase over the normal.

For this is the time of separation. The children go in droves to summer schools, youth club camps and group holidays abroad, with them go the food parcels ("In case you're hungry between meals"), that extra cardigan and the extra spending money "You don't want to be a schnorrer". Fearful mums plant yet one more valedictory kiss and deliver final admonitions to wash regularly and behave properly.

For the parents there are mixed feelings about the fortnight's separation. On the other hand, there will be unaccustomed silence, peace and freedom to go out without elaborate pre-planning. But there may also be guilt feelings -- after all, paying someone to take one's kids off one's hands might, if looked at too closely, reveal disturbing implications.

And superimposed upon all is that niggling anxiety; will they really be cared for? Will they be homesick? Will they be in bed at reasonable times? and, never mind how young they are and how absurd the thought, will be be their own beds they will climb into?

However much reassurance is offered, parents will still worry. But provided the child feels secure in the home and does not see the summer separation as a rejection, this break from parental constraint can be a maturing influence, particularly if the child at home is over-protected by the sort of doting parents who deny him any opportunity to stand on his own feet.

Many such parents have in fact said that it was after a group holiday that the child first showed signs of self-reliance.

But are such signs always welcomed? This depends upon the willingness of the parents to foster independence.

Some parents who need to feel indispensable to their children will go to elaborate lengths to ensure that holiday separations end disastrously. And it is astonishing how ingenious parents can be in this respect, to make the child feel uneasy, selfish and guilty.

The emotional tug-of-war between children and parents goes on all year round. The fight for independence against parental resistance is a major part of the growing-up process for all children. Wise parents will pay out the rope as they judge the child to be ready to handle it; less wise parents will tug back.

It is in high summer when separate holidays are imminent that one can judge for whom this tug-of-war is a game and for whom it is a life-and-death struggle.

ZIM SAILS OUT OF ROUGH WATER

Haifa, (JCNS). - Zim, Israel's national shipping line, which almost foundered under the weight of an accumulated deficit in 1966, is now celebrating its 25th anniversary in good financial health.

The line's chairman, Mr. Michael Tsur, has given some details of Zim's recovery. In the financial year just ended, $60 million worth of debts were repaid; more than $30 million invested in new vessels; losses due to strikes and other causes absorbed, and a small profit of $7 million earned.

Since 1966, Zim's turnover had grown by 80 percent, while staff had been reduced. Last year, 530 passenger-ship seamen were paid off, Mr. Tsur said. The line's ships were worth more than $56 million, he added.

The general manager, Mr. Moshe Kashti, has outlined the first stage of Zim's ten-year development plan. This calls for the construction of four 25,000-ton container-carrying ships to be delivered in 1972 and 1973.

PITTSBURGH ROSH YESHIVA IN TORONTO

Rabbi Yitzchak Alster, Dean of the Pittsburgh Yeshiva, and Rabbi Shlomo Jakobovits, Principal of Akiba Academy of Dallas, are coming to Toronto this week to interview students and to launch a fund-raising drive for this Yeshiva.

RABBI YITZCHAK ALSTER — RABBI SHLOMO JAKOBOVITS

Rabbi Jakobovits was formerly principal of Eitz Chaim Schools here in Toronto. In 1966 he left for Pittsburgh where he initiated the establishement of a Mesivta High School and Yeshiva Gedola. He invited Rabbi Alster, then a senior lecturer at Yeshiva Chaim Berlin in New York, to become dean of this new Yeshiva, and it quickly grew to its present enrolment of 80 students.

It has drawn students from many cities in USA and Canada, including four from Toronto.

Rabbi Jakobovits moved to Texas last year where he now heads Akiba Academy of Dallas, the largest Hebrew Day School of the South-West Region.

Rabbi Alster will deliver the sermon at Clanton Park Synagogue on shabbat morning July 25th.

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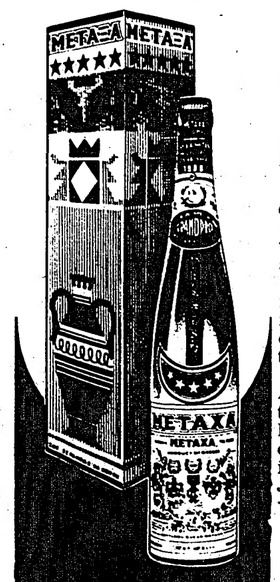

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What Moscow wants

JCNS Exclusive by Major-Gen. Chaim Herzog

RUSSIA EDGING TOWARDS SUEZ CANAL

THE recent events in the Suez Canal zone will have served, it is to be hoped, to open the eyes of the world in general and of the United States in particular, to what is obviously a very carefully planned series of Soviet moves in Egypt. An analysis of the military and political developments which have been taking place leads one to the conclusion that they are initially directed towards one main purpose—the opening of the Suez Canal, or at least a major lodgement of Egyptian forces on its east bank.

President Nasser and his Soviet masters came to realise that as long as Israel enjoyed total air superiority over the Canal zone, any contemplation of a major crossing of the Canal must be ruled out. As a result, we have been witness to a Russian process of reconstruction by stages of the anti-aircraft missile defence system in Egypt.

First they placed SAM-3 missiles manned by Soviet crews in central Egypt and backed them up with Russian air squadrons, thus, according to their estimate, relieving the whole of central Egypt from the danger of imminent Israeli air attacks. The second stage has been to re-establish the SAM-2 missile system in the Canal area, which has been demarcated by the Israelis with an imaginary line running some 25 miles west of the Canal. But this re-establishment necessitated a re-evaluation of the tactical operation of the SAM-2 missiles, and recent days have revealed to the world the Russian solution to the challenge posed by the Israeli Air Force for the past year, a challenge which had hitherto rendered ineffective the entire SAM-2 anti-aircraft missile system.

The Russian solution, which is obviously more effective than the one first applied, as witness the shooting down of three Israeli aircraft, calls for a concentration of the missiles in "packs" in mutually overlapping supporting positions, with the entire system strengthened by a concentration of conventional anti-aircraft guns, and as has been announced, two SAM-3 Russian-operated missiles to protect it against low-flying aircraft. The Israeli Chief of Staff reported an improvement, technologically speaking, in the new SAM-2 missiles, which are not only sited in packs but also fired simultaneously in comparatively large groups. And all this from newly devised temporary sites, as opposed to the previous well-constructed and easily discernible concrete emplacements.

The new siting of the missiles in the central sector of the Canal, straddles the imaginary red line and thus brings the missile concentration including the SAM-3s, into the area in which the battle for the Canal is being waged. This development must be seen against Nasser's declaration in Benghazi some weeks ago, in which he announced that the anti-aircraft missile system would shortly be re-established in the Canal Zone, that air parity would be achieved with Israel, that the Egyptian Army would cross the Canal, and that no power in the world would prevent the Egyptians from attaining this objective.

Crossing the Canal even in order to attain a partial lodgement, presupposes air superiority and at least neutralisation of the opposing side's air effectiveness. Examination of the situation leads to the inevitable conclusion that this is what Egypt and Russia are aiming at. The Egyptian Army as it is today, or as it will be in the unforeseeable future, is absolutely incapable on its own of undertaking a major and involved operation like the crossing of the Suez Canal. To do this they are entirely dependent on parallel Russian moves.

The pattern, therefore seems to be that of a gradual edging forward of the anti-aircraft missile system until it is deep enough within the Canal Zone area to cover by missile fire the air space not only above Egyptian positions but above the Israeli forward line, which would be involved in defence of any Canal crossing, while at the same time keeping the missile sites out of range of Israeli artillery. It is fair to assume that one of Nasser's purposes in Moscow has been to persuade the Russians to move forward into the Canal Zone the Russian air umbrella which now protects central Egypt.

World reaction to the revelation of the Soviet Union's increased involvement in Egypt has prompted the Russians and the Egyptians to try and create a deceptive calm, both militarily and politically. It is in this context that one must view the Egyptian announcement that Cairo is examining the Rogers proposals and will reply to them; the rather strange form of publication of the Russian proposals for the Middle East and the period of comparative quiet which has lately settled over the front-line along the Canal.

It is, however, reasonable to assume that this cooling of the atmosphere is calculated to try to bring about a one-sided temporary ceasefire, with the primary aim of creating easier military conditions, for the edging forward of the anti-aircraft missile system *asine qua non* if Nasser's threats are to be carried out. Its secondary aim is to lessen the air of urgency about the supply of essential equipment, particularly aircraft, to Israel by the United States.

Israel's military leaders are watching the situation very closely, being aware, of course, of the fact that no anti-aircraft system has ever won a war. In the final analysis, the issue, if it comes to the test, will be decided in face-to-face combat, in other words, by the pilots, the armoured personnel, the infantry and artillery, in their positions along the Canal. Furthermore, the traditions of the Israel Defence Forces are not necessarily reconcilable with sitting quietly and waiting, while the other side makes his preparations with impunity. The Canal Zone does not represent the whole of Egypt's line, and the Israel Defence Forces have never accepted dictation of the potential battlefield by the other side.

Nasser's purpose in Moscow at the moment is to achieve increased military support and obviously to endeavour to bring about additional Russian involvement. He is a past-master in involving others in his quarrels. Such additional Russian involvement as may develop will, in my view, be related to the military plans for the crossing of the Canal. Militarily, Nasser is today entirely dependent on the Russians. Without them Egypt is wide open, as far as the Israeli forces are concerned. Each Egyptian move towards the Canal must, therefore, of necessity be paralleled or supported by a Russian move. The Russian moves will be carried out only on the basis of Russian evaluation of possible American reaction. Thus the key to the situation today lies essentially with the United States.

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The Sunday Telegraph

NO END TO BELLIGERENCE

by Jacob Gewirtz

When the definitive history of the Six-Day War comes to be written there is little doubt that it will be Russia which will be cast in the role of the arch-villain. But if we mean by a definitive history one that is written with scholarly detachment by a master historian armed with all the facts obtained through access to the official documents of the main disputants then we shall have to wait an awfully long time for its compilation.

Barring some major upheaval in the Soviet Union or for that matter in the Arab world which would open their diplomatic archives to independent scrutiny, we will have to rely on experts of the calibre of Winston Burdette, veteran Middle East correspondent of CBS.

Mr. Burdette is not an historian, nor has he any pretensions in that direction. He is a reporter pure and simple, with a decided bias in favor of Israel and a soft spot in his heart for King Hussein.

Briefly, in his book "Encounter with the Middle East" just published, the author sees the war as the outcome of a combination of factors all of them centred on Syria. It was Syria which gave the Russians their first foothold in the Middle East, Syria whose reckless pursuit of a "people's war" against Israel embroiled Nasser and it was to protect Syria that Russia fabricated and disseminated the "big lie" of a massive Israeli army poised on its northern border ready to strike.

And yet Burdette is convinced that the Russians did not want war. Unable to control the volatile Syrians themselves they hoped that by bringing about a Syrian-Egyptian accord Nasser would do the job for them. Or if he could not, then at least by moving his army into Sinai he would confront the Israelis with a diversion.

Seen in this light, Russia's otherwise inexplicable harassment of Israel capped by Ambassador Chuvakhin's midnight visitation to Eshkol makes sense. If they could not restrain the irrational Syrians might not there be a better chance of preventing the more reasonable Israelis from taking retributive action which could well bring down the Syrian regime? In this hope they were bolstered by a belief that the United States would act to dissuade Israel from launching out against Egypt in Sinai. What Russia did not reckon on was that events once set in motion would take their own unforeseen course -- that Nasser once he had moved into Sinai and expelled the UN was bound to close the Straits of Tiran to Israeli shipping; that Israel had no alternative but to hit back with or without American permission; that the United States even if it was not prepared to break the blockade alone (after its allies faltered) would not exercise an absolute veto on unilateral Israeli action.

The first lesson that Burdette draws from all this is that the balance of terror acts to inhibit the big powers, preventing direct intervention, but that underneath the nuclear umbrella the smaller powers will continue to fight their conventional wars.

The second lesson to be learned, he says, is that belligerence offers no solution, but that so long as the Arab objective remains the destruction of Israel, the war will go on:

". . .The war had discredited belligerence as a concept and had perpetuated it as a fact, Israel would have to live indefinitely under the stress of hostility and violence, her existence denied by her neighbors and the full burden of assuring her survival would lie on her new generation. Belligerence was still her way of life after victory in her third war and would continue to be so for a period of years that had no foreseeable term, perhaps for the years of their lives." The thought is a sobering one. It should be taken to heart by those who would pressure Israel into a precipitate withdrawal without a firm peace treaty. If Israel must fight to survive then it must be able to do so from a position of strength. "Encounter with the Middle East" may not be the last word on the Arab-Israel conflict but for sheer readability it will not be surpassed very easily.

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ASK THE RABBI
a JCNS featurette

Q. What is the law on lending money at interest? Does it distinguish between "house-to-house" lending and "arms length" commercial investment?

A. Yes, the law does distinguish between the two and taking interest from "arms length" commercial investment is permitted. The laws against usury are very strict but, especially in Babylon, where there was a highly developed commercial life, many problems arose concerning which business transactions were an infringment of the law and which were not. Chapter five of tractate Baba Metzia in the Babylonian Talmud is full of intricate details on these matters (throwing, incidentally, a flood of light on the social and economic conditions (of the Jews in Babylon).

However, their form of society was vastly different from our own so that in determining the law for our day the principles of the ancient law must be examined and applied to the new conditions. The famous Babylonian jurist, R. Nahman, said (Baba Metzia 63b): "The general principle concerning usury is: All payment for waiting for one's money is forbidden". The Rabbis understood "payment" to include even the performance by the borrower to the lender of any special favour he would not otherwise have conferred e.g., to greet him more warmly than he would have done if he were not in his debt. The Shulchan Aruch rules that if A lends B a hundred coins on the condition that B will give one to charity it is usury (Yoreh Deah 160, 14).

Cases of partnership are discussed in the Talmud; for instance, whether it is usury when a man provides capital for a retail business in return for a share of the profits. Eventually, in order to avoid the prohibition, a special document, shetar iska, was drawn up. The purchase of shares in limited companies is obviously in a different category since the investor bears the risk of loss, and the most devout Jews see no objection to such investments. Recent responsa have discussed these topics at length. A list of some of these is given by Rabbi David Feldman in his edition of Gantzfried's Kitzur Shulchan Aruch, section 66.

Q. What is the rule about a Cohen visiting a cemetery?

A. A Cohen must not come into contact with a corpse (see Leviticus 21, 1), contact being understood (on the basis of Numbers 19, 14) to mean not alone actual touching but also being under the same roof. The rabbis, as a "fence to the Torah", extended this to include the presence of the Cohen within four cubits (about six feet) around a grave. Thus in Orthodox Jewish law it is forbidden for a Cohen to be very near to a grave and, at a funeral, he must not stand in the hall where the coffin rests. In many cemeteries a special section of the hall, under a different roof, is set aside for the use of Cohanim. Some teachers have seen in the prohibition the idea that the Cohen as a "priest" must not come into contact with a corpse because the religion he represents, Judaism, is a religion of life, not one centered around death.

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ADVICE FROM ISRAEL

Haaretz, Israel's foremost independent daily, reports that the Jerusalem government has decided to close down six foreign embassies because "their activities can be dispensed with without any damage to Israel's diplomatic representation."

The daily, in an editorial comment, calls for much greater cuts in Israeli diplomatic representation abroad and a reduction of foreign trips by officials.

As an example, Haaretz points out that Israel's economic business interests in England are represented by three diplomats, and that there are too many attaches serving in the embassies and legations in Latin America and Asia. (The Israeli Embassy in Ottawa is understaffed.)

In this review the influential Israeli newspaper says that the country could save foreign currency and public funds in many other ways.

We believe that this appeal to the Israeli government should find an echo within the leadership of the organized Jewish community here. For example, we still would like to know who authorized the expenditure for a delegation of the Central Region (Ontario) of the Canadian Jewish Congress to Goldmann's so-called World Jewish Congress meeting in Jerusalem. How much money from public funds was spent for the meeting of the Governing Council of the World Jewish Congress in Montreal?

It is true that our organizations here do not elect their officers in a democratic manner. What is possible in Israel, a democratic country, seems to be difficult to achieve here. However, in times such as these we believe that those who distribute public funds should rise to the responsibility commanded by the earnestness of the situation. Funds collected for Israel and Jewish education should not be used for any other purpose except by consent of the contributors.

There is a limit even to non-democratic behavior on the part of some "leaders". If such expenses are being authorized, the people should know about it. It certainly is not a military secret.

A great leader

MOSHE SHAPIRA

The sudden demise in Jerusalem of Moshe Haim Shapira, for twenty years Israel's Minister of Interior and occasional deputy Prime Minister, will be mourned not only by his people in the Holy Land but throughout the Jewish world as well. Shapira, despite his relatively young age, 68, had risen to one of the top positions in the leadership of the Israeli government because of his unusual diplomatic tact, responsible action in government, and unchallenged presidency for two decades of the World Zionist Religious Movement.

He was a profoundly religious man, dedicated to the preservation of Torah which he studied in the Yeshivot of his native Poland and at the famous Hildeshimer Seminary in Berlin. Yet, he was one of the most tolerant colleagues in government and in Jewish leadership of men and women who did not share his traditional religious viewpoint.

First and last, he was a man of peace. It is no secret that, together with his closest collaborator in the National Religious Party, Dr. Yitzhaq Raphael, he was the architect of the Government of National Unity, established on the eve of the Six-Day War. Shapira and Raphael were the two men who insisted on the appointment of Moshe Dayan as Minister of Defense as condition for the National Religious Party's participation in the coalition. Since then, whenever a government crisis loomed, Shapira played the role of the conciliator. Beyond the petty politics unavoidable in any democratic regime, and in any political party, he saw the challenges facing the nation and the Jewish people, and had the gift of demonstrating the irrelevance of politicking to his colleagues because of the emergency situation.

He was the direct heir of the late Rabbi Meir Bar Ilan, the great leader of the Mizrachi Movement whose mantle he wore with dignity and integrity unmatched.

In his personal life and in his public conduct he personified the dictum of Torah-plus-Worldliness, demonstrating to the new generation the relevance of Torah, and the imperative need for Israel the nation to fuse into its life the tradition of Historic Israel so that New Israel becomes a truly Jewish state.

Many thousands participated in the funeral rites in Jerusalem on Sunday. Golda Meir, one of those who eulogized the departed leader, could have said without exaggeration that Moshe Haim Shapira lived and died for his country and his people.

Mourning and hope

THE THREE WEEKS

This week, on the 17th of the month of Tamuz, the traditional three-week-period of mourning has begun. It commemorates the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in the year 586 B.C.E. It terminates on the 9th of the month of Av, when both the first and the second temple were destroyed. Both the 17th of Tamuz and the 9th of Av are fast days.

Although, today we are witnessing the rebirth of the third Jewish commonwealth in the Land of Israel, Jews observe this period of mourning. This tradition perhaps is motivated by our conviction and our strong belief that complete annulment of the days of mourning will come with full redemption. And full redemption means a world of peace and freedom for all; the fulfilment of our Messianic hopes and visions.

This is Judaism.

The Canadian Jewish News correspondent at the Suez

HOW THEY FIGHT

by Moshe Ron

Their morale is excellent. They know why they have to fight -- ideal relations between officers and soldiers -- good care for the Zahal soldier -- their life in bunkers and fortifications.

I must admit: none of the editors of the Israeli newspapers who visited the Suez Front imagined that the morale of the soldiers would be so high.

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Early in the morning we were flown by two military helicopters to Bir Gafgafa (now Refidim, mentioned in the Bible, as a stop on the wanderings of the Israelites). It was a 70 minute flight. This time the helicopters did not land on sandy terrain like three years ago when we visited the place the last time.

We were taken to the military base at which Abdul Nasser had made on the eve of the Six Day War in June 1967 his infamous speech in front of Egyptian pilots and "invited" the then Chief of Staff of the Israeli Army, Yitzhak Rabin to come over to wage war, if he wished. "We shall show him," Nasser boasted. Rabin came; we know what happened.

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Now we are in the staff office of the base with Sinai Front Commander, General Arik Sharon, who briefs us on the military situation. The Egyptians have failed in repeated efforts to cross the Suez Canal. They had to withdraw with big losses. Only in two cases did they succeed in coming near the Israeli positions and inflicting losses on them.

In general, the Egyptian soldier has not succeeded in improving much during the last years, General Sharon maintains. He fights better than before but if it comes to a close confrontation with the Israeli soldier he withdraws, like three years ago. General Sharon is a partisan of retaliatory actions on Egyptian territory. He thinks that any army, which does not attack and waits for the enemy to come, becomes degenerate and loses its fighting spirit.

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After visiting this base we flew to southern Sinai where we were awaited by armoured jeeps with special protection against mines. We were clad in armoured pullovers which are immune against splinters of bombs and grenades, and had to wear helmets as heat cover. Then we visited some fortified positions, dug in deep in the sand. We got instructions how to act in case of shelling and bombardment. The soldiers, young boys, 18-21 years old, tried to calm us with humour. . .

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We take a "walk" through the armoured bunkers, in which the soldiers spend a day and night. It is hot; no comforts, no relief whatsoever. But it seems that the youngsters have become accustomed to the situation and try to make the best of it. Over some beds we notice pinups: photos of famous film stars. We even noticed some scientific books. The soldiers are joking: We do not lack anything, except transistors to listen to the news and music.

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"How are the living conditions there?" we asked. Normal -- the soldiers answer. Sometimes the Egyptians let us sleep for a few hours. If they get nervous, it is hard to sleep. . .

The soldiers voice their opinions about the Israeli press. They cannot understand why the press dedicates so many pages to the defeatist theatrical performance of the play "Queen of the Bath Tub", to the court trial of a political leader, the correspondence between the leaders of the country and pupils of high schools, about the question whether the Israeli government does enough for peace or not.

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One editor asked the question: do you know why you are serving in the Canal area? A soldier answered: "If we wouldn't be here, and if we would withdraw without peace, the Arabs would again be in Kalkilya, near Kfar Saba and Nathanya, in the center of the country. And Tel Aviv would be in peril! Were we not here at the Suez Canal, we would have to defend ourselves at the Yarkon river near Tel Aviv and in Ramat Gan."

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We know, that Israel does not wage war to occupy enemy territory, but because the enemy forced us into such a war, the soldiers say. He wants to destroy us physically. The world should know there will never again be Jewish ghettos, concentration camps, Majdaneks, Auschwitz, etc. Therefore, we are here in the bunkers and fight the enemy. The consciousness of what we are fighting for has increased our morale. We wish that people at the home front would deal with serious problems and feel that a war is on. They should desist from strikes and look at the situation like we do."

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We could see that relations between officers and soldiers on the front are very good. The officer cares for his soldiers like a father for his children. He insists that the soldiers sleep for a few hours, eat at fixed times, clean himself, and is able to call his family on the phone. He grants him regular leave to visit his family.

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The soldiers at the front are not interested in party politics. The non-religious respect the religious ones and enables them to pray. If a soldier is wounded, everybody cares for him. The army doctors practically sacrifice themselves to save every injured soldier. They often perform operations and blood transfusion in the bunkers and under fire. In serious cases, helicopters land within a short time and transport the wounded to a hospital. This close relationship and care gives the soldier courage and strengthens his morale. Often there are too many volunteers for commando actions in difficult terrain in enemy country.

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The visitor on this front is pleasantly surprised by and proud of the courage, intelligence, spirit and preparedness for sacrifices of the Israeli soldier and of the excellent relations between officers and men.

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We enter a second fortification and meet another group of young soldiers. They tell us how they succeeded in stopping enemy artillery fire a day before. Two of them were wounded. It happened during a movie performance in the bunker. The Egyptians chose this time to interfere with their entertainment. When the shelling had stopped, they continued to watch the movie.

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The same thing happens if artists come to entertain us, the soldiers say. When the Egyptians start shelling or bombarding from the air, an unofficial "intermission" is proclaimed and after they have stopped shelling, the concert continues. Such is daily life in the bunkers at the Suez front.

Immediately after their mobilization the Israeli soldiers are trained in this spirit in order to keep up their high morale. Every soldier knows quite well that the State and the Jewish people see in the Israeli army the guardian of Israel and of the Jews the world over. Every soldier knows destiny rests on him. He knows that, after finishing his military service, he would not have to worry for his livelihood. Army institutions enable him to learn a useful profession or to study at universities, technical schools, etc.

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During the visit to a field battery in the Canal area a soldier relates us with humour that if Nasser would know that 25 editors of the Israeli press are here, he probably would have sent over most of his best commandoes to capture such "important guests". This would be a big "victory" for him. Just imagine, how many captured terrorists Israel would be ready to exchange for the release of the editors! It would be "fun" and a world sensation!

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With emotion and tears in our eyes we bade the soldiers farewell. We returned by helicopter to Tel Aviv. The Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, General Haim Barlev, awaited us on the airfield. He wished to hear our impressions. He gave us a brief report about the situation on the front and told us that the Egyptians had no chances whatsoever of breaking through our lines at the Suez Canal.

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We thought a lot about this visit and came to the conclusion that maybe the soldiers were right when they told us they thought that people at home did not realize that we are waging a continuous war against the Arab countries and their Russian ally.

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The Jews all over the world should know that the heroic fighters of the time Yehuda Hamaccabi and Bar Kochba are not in the distant past only. The heirs of these historic heroes are now guarding the borders and the people of Israel in the sand dunes of the Sinai Desert and at the shores of the Suez Canal, at the borders of Jordan and on the high mountains of the Hermon and the Golan.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bus threat

Jerusalem religious municipal councillors have threatened to stage demonstrations evening unless the Egged company stops buses leaving the garage until after the Sabbath.

Buses have been leaving the garage at about 5 p.m. The Sabbath ends this month at 7:30 p.m.

The appeals of Mr. Ezer Weizman, the Minister of Transport, to the bus company to delay the buses have been unsuccessful, and Orthodox circles say they will "bodily" stop the buses from running.

Reason to stay

Mr. Shimon Peres, who although a Minister without Portfolio, is responsible for the occupied territories as well as the functioning of the Ministry of Absorption, has taken unmarried immigrants under his wing.

About a quarter of recent newcomers to Israel have been single people, and it has been found that at least a third of these who do not find a marriage partner here go back to their countries of origin.

Now, the Absorption Ministry has embarked on a scheme to give single immigrants the opportunity to meet other single people, both immigrants and settled Israelis. They will be invited to special entertainment programs, and social evenings at private houses will be arranged. Also, weekends in the country or by the sea are planned for a score of single immigrants and a score of Israelis at a time -- all at the Ministry's expense.

One big problem for single immigrants is the lack of housing. So far, neither the Government nor the Jewish Agency has paid any attention to this problem, providing flats only for couples.

Now, Mr. Peres has invited builders to submit plans for small flatlets for letting to single immigrants. The first should be ready by the end of next year.

KEEP SMILING

HOW TO KEEP COOL IN ISRAEL

by C. Alpert

Haifa - It's a hot summer in Israel, but we try to keep cool. No matter how disturbing the headlines, we find that we can maintain our equilibrium by looking at the lighter side of life as well. There is much to help us. For example, from my endless collection:

It Pays to be Patient. Tel Aviv citizen Dr. Zvi Kenner was kept awake half the night by the racket of a wild party in a neighbor's apartment. He gritted his teeth, but said nothing. Next morning the neighbor knocked on his door and presented a big cake, with a card: "With many thanks for your patience."

Dizzy Demands. Haifa port employees who work on top of cranes, on high scaffolding, or in other lofty perches, are entitled to a salary bonus because of the special circumstances of the heights at which they work. Four men in the port lookout office, located in a closed structure on the roof of the 3-storey port management building, threatened to strike if they did not get a similar "heights" bonus.

The New Young Generation. Four-year-old Michal heard her older sisters talking about Ben-Gurion. Upon inquiring as to his identity, she was told that he had been a Prime Minister, long before Golda Meir. "What!" she exclaimed in astonishment. "A man can be Prime Minister too?"

A Real Life Saver. Beach front lifeguards in Ashdod have rendered exceptional service in rescuing bathers from the waters. An appropriate gift of recognition was awarded to each Lifeguard -- a Bible. Only in Israel!

The Cook's Face was Red. Leftist kibbutz Merhavia flew all its red flags on May Day, but for the first time in years the kitchen forgot to serve its customary culinary delicacy on that day: bright red borsht.

Certainly Not in "Piggy" Banks. The scalloped aluminum one-agora coins of Israel disappear from circulation at the rate of two million a month, and have to be replaced. That is two tons of coins that either remain in the pockets of tourists, or are buried for the edification of the archaeologists of tomorrow.

Allah to the Rescue. Following is translated text of an advertisement which appeared in an orthodox bulletin in Jerusalem's Meah Shearim quarter: "It happens occasionally, God forbid, that there is need for a Shabbas Goy to deal with a fire caused on the Holy Sabbath by a kerosene lamp or candle, God forbid, and there is no Gentile available. For your information, a Gentile will now be available for such purposes every Shabbas and holiday should need arise, God forbid. May the Holy One, blessed be He, save us from disaster and misfortune."

The Army Fulfills Every Mission. An astonished corporal who happened to be passing through Lydda airport had an envelope thrust in his hand by a tourist, just arrived. It contained a letter of blessing from a dear lady in New York, a one dollar bill, and a request that the recipient light a Memorial candle at Rachel's Tomb in memory of her mother. The soldier carried out the mission.

Back in the Desert Again. One of the biggest single purchases of Matza in Israel last Passover was for the Beduin tribes in the Sinai, who first tasted the food after the Six-Day War. They are wild about its taste, and favor the matza because it keeps well under desert conditions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

APPEAL TO TRUDEAU

Dear editor:

Insert the following letter to our Prime Minister, Mr. Trudeau:

In view of numerous representations made to me, I am appealing to you on behalf of many of my constituents and concerned Canadians to increase efforts in order to solve the present postal dispute. I have received many complaints about the intolerable disruptions in the mail service. I am also appealing to you to improve the working conditions and pay of Postal Employees.

I would also like to take this opportunity to support all the efforts to save the Canadian Electronics Industry and in particular to assist Canadians employed in the Electronics Industry in Canada to develop our Communications Satellite.

Stanley Haldasz, M.D., M.P.,
Toronto-Parkdale

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A LEADER

Let the Lord, Source of the breath of all flesh, appoint over the community someone who will lead them as they go out and as they go in . . . (Numbers 27:16,17).

When a leader was sought for a new youth group organized on Mount Zion, many candidates were considered and all were capable. Some were motivated by extreme points of view; others were aggressive. But Reuben who was finally appointed was of a quiet nature and always perfectly tolerant of others' views. When asked why Reuben was chosen, the Curator replied: "I let myself be guided by the Bible. When Moses asked God to appoint a leader to succeed him, we are told that he said:

"'Let the Lord, the Source of the breath of all flesh, appoint over the community someone who will lead them as they go out and as they come in; so that the assembly of the Lord shall not be as a sheep without a shepherd'." (Numbers 27,16,17).

The Curator continued: "The Bible uses an unusual expression, *Elohay haruhot l'khol basar* 'the Lord, Source of the breath of all flesh.' Why doesn't it say: 'God, the Creator of the world?' The Bible's exact words are intended to imply that, just as God, the Source of the breath of all flesh, understands every human being, so the leader must not be guided exclusively by his own views. Instead, he must try to understand all the people whom he leads. It is because Reuben possesses such a capacity that we have appointed him to be the leader of the young people's organization."

FROM HEAVEN ON YOUR HEAD, by Dr. S.Z. Kahana, adapted by Rabbi Morris Silverman. By arrangement with Hartmore House, Hartmore House, Hartford, Conn.

POP GOES!

GREAT NAMES IN NEW MUSIC

by MICHAEL WEBBER

It is a sign of our times that, although there are more Jewish names in the "charts" of best-selling records than for a very long time, it can rarely have been more difficult to get information about an artist's religion or beliefs.

For many of the top names in the charts there is little feeling of religious pride. But, then, why should there be, when the creed which they preach is one of universal love and acceptance and when the society in which they live is doing its best to enforce its own conformity and uniformity upon our beliefs and way of life?

That there is still at least an awareness of religion and the world to come may be seen from the present number two -- "Spirit in the Sky," by Norman Greenbaum.

Norman was born in 1942, went to university, almost inevitably dropped out and lived on Sunset Strip, where he formed a group. When this failed, others followed, until he was heard by Erik Jacobsen in Los Angeles, who signed him for three records.

Still nothing, until the fourth -- "Spirit in the Sky" -- which was originally not a single at all but one track of an album soon to be released here in Britain.

Since the success of this track, Norman has left Los Angeles to live in Petaluma, a village north of San Francisco, where he has a small-holding to supply his basic needs. So can affluence lead to simplicity!

SUCCESS STORY

The incredible success of Simon and Garfunkel over the past few years is due to two main factors -- the beauty of their lyrics and the quality of their tunes.

Forgetting the "greastest songwriters since Schubert" nonsense written about two other writers, it must be recognised that the songs of Paul Simon are among the finest poems of the twentieth century, simple statements with over- and undertones of meaning which will make them lasting documents of our time.

They are welded to melodies which stay in the mind and are performed with a simplicity which is the mark of greatness.

Whether surrealistically imaginative as in "Wish I was a Kellogg's Cornflake," or poignant as in "Old Men, Lost in their overcoats, Waiting for the sunset," they have a marvellous gift for exploring the whole range of human emotions.

The songs of Bob Dylan (otherwise Zimmerman) show the influence of the Negro Blues and the Country and Western singers, and his personal impact as a performer has been immense.

Another artist who has just appeared in this country and who may well rival Dylan is the singer-writer, Leonard Cohen. Born in 1934, he also went to university, forsook the family clothing business in Montreal and took to the roads as a singer.

Cohen has already written at least two novels, a great deal of poetry and a number of songs. His themes are sad, his delivery more so.

SOCIAL COMMENT

Yet his records are popular with the teenagers of today, who respond to the mixture of the mystic, erotic and social comment which is at the heart of his music.

Also in this group of folk singers is Stefan Grossman, much influenced by the great coloured singers, but with none of their virility or depth of feeling. His whining guitar and his trembly voice are a parody of the real blues, and even of the real C and W style which are his models.

The American Paul Siebel seems to me to be a name to watch in the 'seventies, while others worth noting are Levy and Finklestein and David and David. The former is a mixed Anglo-French duo, while the latter are London boys, David Mendle and David Seys (a nephew of the Rothschild family).

PLENTY TO OFFER

The Israeli groups who have had records released here are more in the pop, rather than blues/folk, idiom. Uzi's recent single, "Morning Train", shows that they might have plenty to offer.

It used to be said that "For every plane in the sky there are 100 mechanics on the ground." This is certainly true of the record industry.

Among the young Jewish names in the business are Dave Martin, a promotion executive at RCA and a well-known disc jockey, Eddie Levy, of Welbeck Music, and Naomi Rimmon, of Orange Music.

All three are typical of the young people who are pushing the stars of tomorrow into orbit and, quite by chance all are from the same school -- the J.F.S. at Camden Town.

Tom Kneebone, Dinah Christie, Roderick Cook left to right in A Noel Coward Revue, now playing at The Theatre In The Dell. On July 20th it was the 75th sold out performance for the show. It also marked the return of Roderick Cook to the company.

Praise church film

New York, (JCNS). - Hundreds of Protestant churches throughout America are showing a film nightly to hundreds of people which, while carrying the message of Jesus, is also a paean of praise, a gesture of love, to Israel and the Jewish people.

"His Land", made by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, was produced by Christians for Christian audiences and strictly from a Christological point of view, but it can turn out to be a major weapon in the battle against elements of the Protestant Church and its leaders who are either silent or indifferent to Israel's dangers.

That is why the American Jewish Committee has taken it under its wing for promotion among Jewish organizations and why Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, its director of inter-religious affairs, has gone around hailing it as "a major and primary contribution to the understanding of Israel among Christians -- perhaps the most important since the establishment of the State".

TORONTO AFTER DARK

* The Royal Winnipeg Ballet will present A Ballet High in the theater of the St. Lawrence Center from Saturday, August 1st, to Saturday, August 8th. The presentation will also include an appearance of the Lighthouse Rock Group and two exciting works by Brian Macdonald.

In The Shining People Of Leonard Cohen, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet will dance to the words of the poet, arranged by Harry Freedman and spoken by Brian Macdonald. Mary Morrison will be present on magnetic tape to deliver one Cohen poem.

* The Reycards, that zany duo from the Philippines, pay their second visit to the Hook and Ladder Club of the Seaway Beverley Hills Motor Hotel on Monday, July 20th, for a two-week engagement. Reynaldo Ramirez and Ricardo Castro are musical comedians who were discovered by M. A. Riddle, president of the Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas. Rey is the "straight man", who displays fine vocal talents. Ric has the rubber face and performs like a cross between Cantinflas, Charlie Chaplin and a Japanese ritual dancer gone mad!

* The Red Barn Theater '70 is presenting a revival of the outstanding American comedies of the '30's at Jackson's Point, Ontario, from July 28th to August 2nd.

* The Orono Youth Theater begins its season on Tuesday, August 4th.

* Touch Kiss, a soft rock musical, is now the exciting performance given at the Playhouse Theater.

* The Factory Theater Lab opened with two Canadian plays: An Act of Violence, and We Three, You and I.

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SUNDAY, JULY 26th

2:30 p.m.	High Park The Toronto Garrison Artillery Band Guests - Ohulani Hawaiian Group
2:30 p.m.	Kew Gardens The Governor General's Horse Guest Band Guest - Peter Glen
2:30 p.m.	Willowvale Park The Community Folk Council
5:30 p.m.	High Park Organ Recital - Ronnie Padgett
7:30 p.m.	Earlscourt Park The Community Folk Art Council
8:00 p.m.	Nathan Phillips Square Pops Symphony - Conductor - Boris Brott

MONDAY, JULY 27th

8:30 p.m.	Ramsden Park Square Dancing - Bob Scott & His Orchestra
8:30 p.m.	Greenwood Park The Johnny Lombardi Show

TUESDAY, JULY 28th

7:15 p.m.	Rose Ave. School Children's Theatre Presents "Cinderella"
8:00 p.m.	Allan Gardens The Governor General's Horse Guards Band
8:30	Withrow Park Square Dancing - Bob Scott & His Orchestra

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29th

12:15 p.m.	Nathan Phillips Square The George Frank Orchestra
8:30 p.m.	Monarch Park Square Dancing - Bob Scott & His Orchestra
8:30 p.m.	Dufferin Grove Park Square Dancing - Angus McKinnon & His Orchestra
8:30 p.m.	Eglinton Park Bob Minns & His Orchestra
8:30 p.m.	Riverdale Park The Country Happening with Russ Wheeler Guests - Ricky & Terry

THURSDAY, JULY 30th

7:15 p.m.	Eglinton Park Children's Theatre Presents "Treasure Island"
7:30 p.m.	Forest Hill Memorial Park Bob Hackburn & His Orchestra
8:00 p.m.	Nathan Phillips Square The Johnny Lombardi Show
8:30 p.m.	High Park Square Dancing - Bob Scott & His Orchestra
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HOW RUSSIA CAME TO THE MIDDLE-EAST

Russian warship berthed in Alexandria harbour

By DONALD WATT

The opening was tailor-made for the Soviets recently baulked of a settlement in Europe by the failure of the Geneva summit conference and the West German entry into Nato. The arms were only the first stage. The next came when Nasser used alleged offers of Soviet aid to try to screw out of the West the money to finance the High Dam. The real breakthrough, however, came when Russia was allowed to get away with the lie that Britain halted the Suez operation under threat of Soviet rocket attack. Arab opinion welcomed the Soviet Union as a friend indeed.

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A SOVIET peace plan for the Middle East is in open discussion between Washington and Moscow. A Soviet Mediterranean fleet, with submarines, marines and a helicopter carrier patrols the Mediterranean, calling frequently at Alexandria in Egypt and Latakia in Syria. Soviet anti-aircraft missiles are moved up towards the Canal. Turkey and Iran, Soviet Russia's neighbours and vital points in the containment of tension, are outflanked.

A White House spokesman, later repudiated, it is true, by Secretary of State Rogers, talks of the Soviet presence in the Mediterranean and Egypt as a direct threat to the peace and security of the United States and the Free World. How did the Soviet Union come to achieve what Tsarist Russia tried for a century to obtain, a major footing in the Middle East?

The story goes back to 1955 and the Czech-Egyptian arms deal. Arms supplies were the main weapon of control then exercised by Britain, France and the United States over the level of intensity of the Arab-Israeli dispute. They failed to restrain the Fedayeen, and they failed to restrain the Israelis' large-scale punitive raids against Gaza and Jordan. Nasser, desperate for arms, was turned down by the West.

The next step came in 1958. A near Soviet take-over in Syria was thwarted by the union of Syria and Egypt. The Soviet stake in Egypt was increased by more arms deliveries to replace the Suez losses and the Soviet agreement to finance the first stage of the Aswan dam. The agreement was to inaugurate six years of close but decidedly rocky relations between Nasser and the Soviets, now linked in uneasy yoke of mutual dependency.

Nasser needed the Soviets for the balancing play between East and West on which he based his own leadership and Egyptian independence. The Soviets, greatly though they disliked this, could not afford to see him a failure, particularly in view of the role his charismatic personality was having in the progressive denial of the Middle East to western influence.

Gateway to Africa

Emotionally, however, during the years 1958 to 1963 the Soviets much preferred to work with General Kassem and the Iraqi revolutionaries. Relations with Egypt deteriorated very badly as Iraqi Communists, especially at the bloody massacres in Mosul, turned on Arab nationalists and Baathist supporters. Violent letters were exchanged between Nasser and Mr Khruschev. But Egypt was too valuable for a complete breach in relations especially as a gateway for intervention into Africa, into the Congo.

Russia agreed to finance the second stage of the Aswan dam and Soviet arms deliveries were increased. The break up of the UAR in 1961 was viewed in Moscow with equanimity. But it was not for another four years or more that the Soviets regained the hold in Syria they had lost in 1958.

In the meantime, the overthrow of Kassem in Iraq, the beginning of the Civil War in the Yemen and the Cuban missile crisis made Egyptian support more essential to the Soviet position. There was, too, the new open breach between Moscow and Peking and the open competition between the two for the support of the Third World.

The year 1962, however, marked the beginning of the end for the Egyptian policy of balance. That year Nasser got a record amount of economic aid from Soviet sources, plus TU-16 bombers and MiG-17s. But he also plunged into head-long nationalisation coupled with a development programme that was to require an increasingly lavish injection of foreign capital. And most disastrously he was to involve the army in a long, costly and ultimately futile campaign in the Yemen in which the Egyptian image was much damaged by the revelation that Egypt was prepared to use mustard gas and phosgene against fellow Arabs.

By 1966 the Egyptian economy was in a sorry state. Only lavish Soviet loans were keeping it going. The war in the Yemen made investment in Egyptian industry a thoroughly unattractive proposition. And Egypt was in conflict with Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia. The Soviet leadership had dismissed Khruschev and embarked on a serious flirtation with Ben Bella and Algeria.

In February 1966, however, Soviet attention switched to Syria with the violent coup of Atassi and the extreme left-wing Baathist officers, nearly all Alawites and Druse. Soviet arms deliveries to Syria rose again and in May 1966 the Soviets agreed to finance Syria's equivalent of the High Dam, a dam across the Euphrates.

Third world

But this was a bad time for the Soviet position in the Third World. Ben Bella fell from office in 1965, the year Chou-en-lai visited Cairo. In 1966 the Soviets lost their most prominent remaining supporters in the Third World apart from Nasser. President Nkrumah of Ghana and President Soekarno of Indonesia. With Soekarno's fall the Indonesian Communist party disappeared in a series of massacres. Though Egypt could not now finance even her loans from western sources, let alone her by now astronomical debt to the USSR, Moscow could not afford to let Nasser fall from power.

It was at this stage that a gross Soviet miscalculation tipped Syria and Egypt into the Six-Day War. This was Breshnev's and Kosygin's Cuba. The Glassborough summit conference with President Johnson averted the worst perils. But the Soviet's main protagonist in the Middle East had been terribly mauled. Syria, too, had been badly defeated.

For Nasser the defeat spelt the end of independence. He saved his own position. But he was forced to destroy his support in the Egyptian Army and Air Force. He was now totally dependent on Soviet arms and aid—but it was no longer given without strings. The Soviets insisted on a purge of anti-Soviet elements in the Egyptian armed forces and within the Egyptian administration.

Under the guise of protecting Alexandria against Israeli naval attack they kept Alexandria's docks in constant use by Soviet warships. Most disastrous for both Nasser and the Soviets was the closure of the Canal. The Soviet effort in cultivating the Yemen and South Aden as bases for the Soviet Mediterranean fleet, sliding up and down the Canal and the Red Sea, was rendered nugatory.

The Soviets, however, now had Egypt very nearly where they wanted her. Only the subsidy paid to Nasser by Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Libya gave him one non-Soviet leg to stand on. But Egypt, almost alone of the Third World, felt obliged to support the Soviet action in Czechoslovakia. And the constant humiliation of the Israeli air and commando raids across the Canal made this dependence on Soviet aid palatable to the rank and file of the Nasserites in Egypt and elsewhere.

The difficulty from the Soviet viewpoint was the strength of popular pressure for another showdown with Israel. The Soviet control had slipped once in 1967. Another slip would be altogether too hazardous.

Since 1968 Soviet policy has largely concentrated on restraining the Egyptians, and on attempting to hammer out with the United States some kind of settlement so as to avoid any further risk of its escalation into an all-out nuclear war between the super-powers or an equally all-out climb down. Failing this they have been milking the situation for all they can get: more bases in Alexandria, Soviet crews for the SAM-3s placed around Cairo, Soviet pilots to train Egyptians in the MIGs. Israel's need to hold the Canal as a barrier to a new Egyptian attack has played into Soviet hands.

Vast revulsion

What is still to come? Possibly a vast revulsion of Egyptian opinion against the Soviets whose ambassador is hated as once Lord Cromer was. But so long as Israeli pressure is there, this revulsion must remain unheard. If there were to be an Egyptian coup against Nasser it would only be from hysterics even more anxious to make fools of themselves by a new attack on Israel than the present Syrian leadership.

For the moment the Soviet Union stands in relation to Egypt almost where Britain did in 1936, when the Anglo-Egyptian alliance was signed, with one vital exception—the Canal is closed. It is a major interest of Soviet policy to secure its reopening.

The baby's name is Golan. It is where his father was killed in battle with the Syrians two weeks ago, just an hour after the baby was born. The photograph was taken at the brit mila attended by the Chief of Staff, Lt-Gen Barlev, and the commander of the Northern Front, Major-General Mordecai Gur, seen here with Golan's mother, Mrs Hedva Zohar

Toronto Bonds

NEW PACE FOR DRIVE

"Day by day, we are adding new groups, new events and new dates to our community calendar for the 1970 Israel Bond Drive which already sets a pace of unprecedented activity for Bonds in Toronto," declared Hank Greenberg, Chairman of Organizations, and over-all Israel Bond Chairman for Toronto Regional Council, B'nai B'rith.

Among many groups in the Landsmanshaften Division and other groups which have already announced dates and events are: Drilitzer Mutual Benefit Society, which will honor dedicated leader Harry Greenglass at a Dinner on Sunday, September 20th, at the Glen Shields Golf Club. Pride of Israel will honor Ben Smith at an impressive Tribute Dinner on September 21st, at Pride of Israel Temple. This event will be preceded by a series of Cocktail Receptions honoring Mr. Smith, for advance purchases.

Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity will honor Dr. Hart J. Levin at a Tribute Dinner in cooperation with State of Israel Bonds to be held on November 18th at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Numerous advance receptions have already been scheduled in honor of Dr. Levin, to take place in the month of November.

Hadassah members will gather at Holy Blossom Temple on Thursday November 12th for an event of unusual interest to climax their intensified participation in the 1970 State of Israel Bond Drive, to broaden the base of women purchasers within Hadassah, and to raise the level of purchase by members.

Eglinton Lodge, B'nai B'rith has set Thursday, November 19th, as the date for the Tribute Dinner they will hold to highlight their Bond campaign within the lodge. Honoree for this gala event will be announced shortly.

● We didn't let you know that Mrs. Feffer moved from Pitt Avenue to Ritz Boulevard. Nor did we print that Mrs. Saltz is vacationing in Jamaica

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KOSHER...BUT DISGUISED

by Pat Lidiker

"But I wonder if it's Kosher!" our daughter hissed in consternation as the "big fish" ordered via our Italian waiter was undeniably identified as a marinated octopus.

I must admit that, right up until that moment, it hadn't occurred to me that anyone would ever want actually to eat an octopus, marinated or otherwise, let alone whether it was kosher or not, but a rapid mental elimination of chewing of cud, cloven hooves, fins, scales or anything else we could think of clinched it.

We would have declined with thanks anyway; somehow it just didn't appeal.

Not that everything dished up these days is as kosher or unkosher as it immediately seems, with food manunfacturers experimenting like mad illusionists to do all in their power to help the Cohens to keep up with the Joneses. If we really want to we can all go to work, conscience-free, on a plate of bacon (they call it macon) and eggs, and a cuppa with "milk-free dairy milk."

And we can invite our neighbor in, like they do on TV and get her to guess which is the plate of real bacon -- even the smell would fool her.

A friend of ours takes sadistic pleasure in mortifying her more Orthodox dinner guests by doling out strawberries and ice cream, or fruit flan decorated with "fresh cream", straight after the meat course, and then sitting back to await reaction. Sometimes it's "Oh, not for me, thanks. I couldn't eat another mouthful!" Or they gently ease off the cream and pick at the fruit, or politely down the lot with as much pleasure as they would a dose of castor oil.

For some reason they're usually more embarrassed after she's told them it's parev than before.

RABBIS AS PICKETS

KOSHER BUTCHERS

In my Israeli cookery book there's a highly involved recipe for making kosher caviar, so you can hand it round on biscuits with the vodka.

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HUMAN RELATIONS

A Mother's Dilemma

DR. ROSE N. FRANZBLAU

I married at 18 and had a child at 20. Two years later, I got a divorce. My son and I went to live with my parents.

I began working and my mother took care of him. At 3, he went to nursery school. The father does not support the boy and has no visitation rights. My son is now 5.

Living in my parents' home provided him with a "family". He calls his Grandpa "daddy", although I often explained that Grandpa was my father and not his. He is bright, very well adjusted and gets along with other children. I get excellent reports from school.

The problem — I share a room with him and he is in the habit of coming into my bed at night.

I am remarrying in two months. My son gets along wonderfully with my fiancé. I will not work after marriage.

I told my boy that when we marry, he will have his own room and will not sleep with me. He is happy about the marriage, but will he be happy sleeping alone, and won't he resent my sleeping with my husband?

How do I handle the situation?

ANSWER:

The normal problems of growing children are naturally aggravated when there is a drastic change like the death of a parent or the break-up of a marriage.

Sometimes the mother is prompted to yield to the child's demands because of guilt feelings. Had she been a better wife, or made a better choice of a husband, such a hurtful situation would not have been created for her child. She then feels she has to give as much as two parents would, thus making up for the father's absence. Also, for some parents it is easier to give in, than to say "no" to a child.

The presence of the male parent reminds him, again and again, that though his father loves him dearly, he will not give up his mother to him. Thus the child is given the strength to relinquish his wishes and grow to maturity and independence.

Permitting your little boy to sleep in your bed must have played into his childish fantasy and delayed the renunication necessary to his proper psychosexual development. With his father out of the way, he was actually the only man in his Mommy's life. Perhaps because you, too, felt less lonely with somebody at your side at night, you allowed this behaviour to continue. You rationalized that you didn't want to disturb your parents at night. So, by giving in to him, you felt you were maintaining peace and quiet for the benefit of those who were doing so much for you.

It is good that your boy relates well to your future husband. He is undoubtedly happy about the prospect of having a father around the house, like all of his friends. But having to share his mother with someone else will still represent quite a hurdle for him.

Even though the wedding is still two months off, it would be well for you to begin making some other sleeping arrangements while you are still in your parent's home. The change will then be gradual rather than sudden, and his adjustment to it may be completed by the time you marry.

You must be prepared for some rebellious behavior which may be acted out in disobedience or a sudden change in attitude to your finance. But when he is treated with firmness and also understanding, he will feel more protected and loved than ever before. From this comes self-control and the strength to obey the commands that are good for him.

Take him along with you when you choose his furniture, and whenever feasible go along with what he likes as to his furniture, color, scheme, etc. He should also see the new apartment and his room before you move in.

When you are home all day and there to greet him when he returns from school he will no longer suffer from a mother-hunger during the day, and will sleep well at night. The excitement and stimulation of living in his own home, having his own room, and being able to do things with his new father will result in a happy fatigue.

He will then love the privacy of his own quarters, where he will not be disturbed or have the need to disturb others.

Daddy is back from his service with the reserves, and one exuberant young Israeli tries to walk in father's footsteps

Kishon

The lighter side of Israel

by Ephraim Kishon

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PRIORITIES

The last night but one I overate on lamb chops and stuffed cauliflower at Mussa's in Jaffa, and in my dream I was the United States of America. It was an awful feeling, with one hand I had to lift high the torch of liberty, with the other I held my belly. And this while in front of my house all the Arab ambassadors, a Senate delegation, Mr. Anatoly Dobrynin, a bevy of Reform rabbis, an emissary of the Vietcong, the Vice-President of Aramco and Ezer Weizman (res.) were jostling each other.

I asked Kissinger when would I have to make up my mind, and he answered: yesterday, or the day before that at the latest.

Then I put some order in my thoughts.

"Don't tremble, my servant Jacob," I said to myself with the calm so typical of me. "It is your right to maintain your traditional friendship towards all your enemies. Your reasoning must be on a global, equitable and infinite level, so on the one hand you'll have to supply defensive arms to the Jews, and thus defend yourself from the heads of the communities, but on the other hand you'll have to supply the Arabs as well, otherwise Nasser will be mad and he is bigger. Therefore I'll have to give Golda enough planes to make the Senate pipe down, but not enough to satisfy her, because that would upset the position of Hussein. Javelin of the West. It results that the ideal solution would be to have Israel armed with sophisticated American arms without supplying it any arms at all. In other words, the balance of armaments must be in the Arabs' favour in such a way that they could launch an attack in error, but not forever; that is, quite on the contrary, Israel should be in a position to defend itself successfully, but not efficiently. The main thing is to drive it home to the Russians that we won't tolerate any intervention in the Near East, except in a modest, tactful way, and even that only on condition they don't intervene, otherwise we shall have to intervene as well, an inevitable, albeit inconceivable step. As a matter of fact, we have to make a strong impression on the Kremlin, so that they understand that we are decided to stop them by force, and at the same time make it crystal-clear to our citizens that nothing is further from our thoughts. Therefore a political solution should be sought along the lines of the Vietnam war, from which we are extricating ourselves with the help of Providence, so as to stay put there. We are hoping for the same thing in the Near East. Perhaps the Rogers Plan is not the ideal solution, but it is bad enough for Israel to reject it hands down, and that is a good point with King Feisal, though the Arabs, too, are rejecting the plan and this placates the majority of New York voters. This balanced rejection creates an opening for direct talks between the parties through an intermediary, similarly for our contacts with the Chinese, with whom we are officially conducting direct talks, but, secretly, we don't talk with them. We ought to strive therefore for a cease-fire from now until next Tuesday, so as to prepare the ground for a new round of fighting, in accordance with the Security Council resolution. To be more precise, one ought to predicate the supply of Phantoms to Israel on a pro-Arab gesture on its part, which would enable the Egyptians to set up Soviet missiles in the Canal Zone to knock down these planes. Our slogan: without Russian missiles there is no sense in Phantoms. Furthermore, a complete withdrawal from all occupied territories will be necessary as a sine qua non for an adjustment of borders, real peace without direct contacts, in short, a solution which satisfies the Jews and the Arabs, the Stock Market and Comrade Brezhnev, Nato and Wizo, Teddy Kollek and Yasser Arafat, Golda and the Seven Dwarfs, Tweedledum and Tweedledee, Silvie and Raphael."

Here I awoke shouting hoarsely:

"J-A-R-R-I-N-G!"

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

by Ruthie

A university director is acclaimed to have said recently that he was very happy to note mothers driving their children to school on rainy days. He claimed that this showed mama's interest in her darling. To which a police chief replied that he'd slap a twenty-five-dollar fine on each car — they're a traffic hazard.

* * *

Gosh, you can't breathe anymore without someone analyzing you, dissecting you and running you through a fine tooth comb.

If a mother wants to drive her youngster to school, that's her affair. Only let her accept the consequences if her "baby" grows up a softie.

And if a youngster rides to a school no more than half-a-mile away, it's no one's fault if he's dubbed a jellyfish on the ball field. Also he doesn't know what he misses.

Abe Lincoln said God gave hands and feet—for a purpose. But today they apparently are excess baggage. Why, if you get out of the wrong side of a car and have to cross the street, you feel you've done your duty by your muscles.

Kids can hardly wait till they're sixteen so that they can drive anything on four wheels. Is it then a wonder that, in a crisis, all we can produce are flat feet and fallen arches, with sway backs as a runner-up?

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Remember the song, Singin' In The Rain? Believe me, it's the best tonic for any sort of depression. The only thing is, if you take that advice, you may put your local psychiatrist out of business.

Papa used to think I was some sort of nut. Every time it rained, there I was — slicker (that dates me), rain hat, boots — raring to go. Nor was I alone. Like ants crawling out of the woodwork, somehow the word got around and, before anyone knew it, we were about ten strong tramping through the puddles.

And what fun! There was nothing more effective in dispelling inhibitions, nor was there anything more exhilirating. You just had to sing in the rain.

Many a time my school problems were solved that way. Nothing could compare with the steady patter of rain to fluff the cobwebs from your brain. And if raindrops slid down your face — all the better.

Mama always was afraid we'd come home chilled to the bone. Maybe — at her age. But kids? We were like warm-blooded animals. Cheeks rosy, eyes aglow — we couldn't get to the kitchen fast enough to raid the ice-box (fridge to you).

Those were the days!

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TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWS

ONTARIO BRANCH OF NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Mrs. Louis Spring of Downsview, newly elected President of the Ontario Branch of National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America, participated in special briefing sessions for the 28 Branch Presidents of the League, which took place, at West Orange, New Jersey. The group represents the top leadership of more than 800 synagogue women's groups of the Conservative Movement, affiliated with congregations throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Sessions included meetings with the National officers, the Executive Director, and with the Chairman of the 20 departments which carry forward the program of education, service, and religious activity of the League.

The participants in the sessions attended a meeting of the National Board of the League at its home office in New York City. There they visited the world-famed Jewish Theological Seminary, headquarters of the entire Conservative Movement, and enjoyed a grand tour of the Jewish Museum, a Seminary-sponsored institution.

Mrs. Spring's Ontario Branch includes 15 Sisterhoods in Ont. communities, with a membership of over 4,000 Synagogue women.

RECIPE

KOFTE ON A SKEWER

The beef mixture can be used for this recipe (very suitable for dieters) that includes no "filler"; 1 lb. minced raw lamb; 2 eggs; good pinch of thyme; 1 medium grated onion; 1 level teaspoon salt; 1/4 teaspoon white pepper. Mix all the ingredients together for 5 minutes. Grease the palms with oil, and form the meat into little sausages. Thread on well greased skewers and grill gently for 6 minutes, turning all the time.

Serve with salad, pilaff of rice, and this delicious tomato sauce:

HERB TOMATO SAUCE

1 medium can Italian or Israeli plum tomatoes; 1 tablespoon oil; 1/2 grated onion; 1 teaspoon basil or prepared Italian seasoning; 1/2 level teaspoon salt and pinch of sugar.

Put all the ingredients on the blender for 15 seconds until almost smooth. Heat slowly until bubbling. Serve with the meat balls.

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REMEMBER THE DAYS OF OLD

by AUBREY NEWMAN

Not least of the injunctions laid upon us is to "remember the days of old". As was pointed out by Joseph Jacobs many years ago, "the Jew is what he is by the history of his fathers, and he would be losing his better self were he to lose hold of his past history".

Nearly eighty years ago two societies were founded in order to obey this injunction: the American Jewish Historical Society; the Jewish Historical Society of England, the former in 1892 and the latter in June 1893. But if the English society is technically the younger by almost a year it was almost thirty-four years in the making, for it was in 1859 that an anonymous correspondent in the Jewish Chronicle urged the foundation of such a society.

Later on, at a lecture during the Anglo-Jewish Historical Exhibition of 1887 the great German-Jewish historian, Heinrich Graetz, recommended the establishment of an Anglo-Jewish Academy with an historical section. Even so, and despite the urging of such distinguished names as Frederick Mocatta, Lucien Wolf, and Joseph Jacobs, it was not till June 3, 1893 that a formal meeting was called for this purpose.

The American Jewish Historical Society had a similar backing. Among its founders appeared such illustrious names as Cyrus Adler, of whom it has been well said that "over a long period he was one of the foremost influences in establishing the pattern of American Jewish cultural, philanthropic, and communal life", and Oscar Solomon Straus, who was a distinguished public official and international figure, and who was the president of the American society in its first six years.

Over the years the two societies grew from strength to strength. The munificence of Frederick Mocatta and Gustave Tuck -- to name only two of the long line of benefactors -- has given the English society a library and lecture theater in University College, London of which it is indeed proud, while the American society has recently moved to magnificent buildings which have enabled many of its activities to be carried on at a very much more intense level.

Both societies, too, have maintained comprehensive programs of publication, which have enabled them to follow the path indicated by Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz, "detailed stury of Jewish communities and a knowledge of the Jew's social, economic and political relations to the general population".

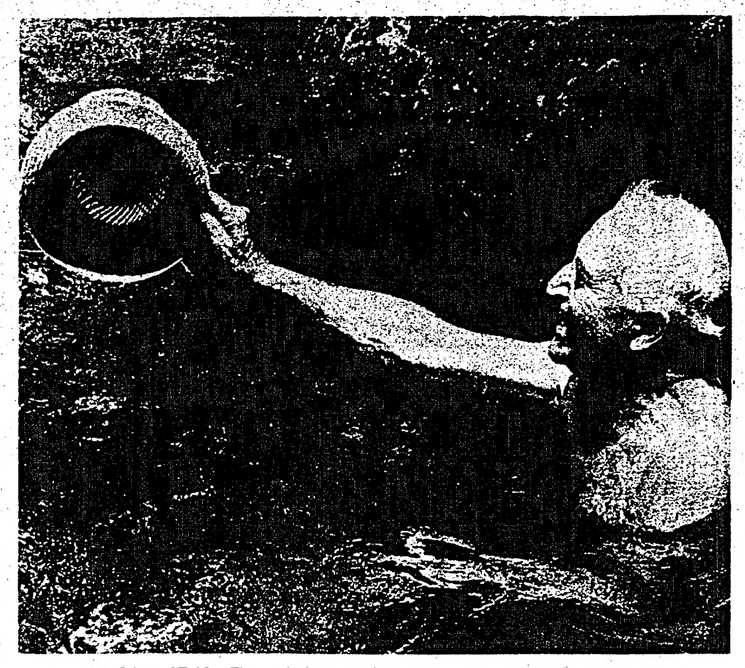
It is as a further development of their earlier activities that the two societies are now taking another step forward. Till now their studies have concentrated upon the Jewish communities of England and America. But as the leading diaspora communities in the western world it is important that they should look more widely at the various historical problems that have hitherto faced diaspora Jewry.

One of the most important features of Jewish history over the last hundred years, indeed even over the past eighty years, has been the explosion of Jewish migrants out of Eastern Europe and into the communities of the West. Non-Jewish historians have for long been aware of the significance to them of the equivalent explosion of British migrants during the nineteenth century into the new communities in Canada, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand, yet we have done relatively nothing, even though the tremendous popularity of "Fidler on the Roof" has shown the potential appeal to the present age of "Tradition".

In an attempt to begin to fill this gap the two societies will next month hold their first ever joint meeting on "Migration and Settlement". A strong group from the American society will join with members of the English society to discuss papers on various aspects of "Jews in England and America at the time of the American Revolution" and of "Nineteenth century migration".

To mark the occasion and the long connection between the Jewish Historical Society and University College, London, Lord Annan, Provost of the College, has been invited to preside. The American visitors will take an opportunity to tour "Jewish London" and places outside London, including Cambridge, Norwich, and Lincoln.

We are a people dominated by our history, yet we are curiously uninterested in it. A thin knowledge of Biblical history, a slightly deeper understanding of the catastrophe of the years from 1933 to 1945 and of the origins of Zionism, these are the limits for most of us of our history. But the gathering on July 12 at University College, Londin, will give an opportunity to all those who in fact wish to "remember the days of old".



CHAGALL AT 83. - The world famous painter takes a dip on his bi[illegible]day on the French Riviera.

Tel Aviv is playing summer holiday host to children from frontline settlements. Here some of them, away from the roar of bombs and rockets, enjoy a sing-song together with the local youngsters with whom they are staying.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK

by Dr. Arnold Ages

AN INCORRIGIBLE PACIFIST

NORMAN THOMAS A BIOGRAPHY 1884-1968. By Harry Fleischman. Norton. 346 pages.

The author of this important biography about America's great socialist champion, is connected with the American Jewish Committee's National Labour Service.

Harry Fleischman was also closely identified with Norman Thomas for many years as the latter's campaign manager during many fruitless election efforts.

One would think that so many years of service in a largely unsuccessful cause might have dulled Fleischman's appreciation for Thomas.

As this biography shows, such is clearly not the case. Fleischman writes about his subject with warmth, sensitivity and knowledge -- but alas not with elegance or style.

The fact is that despite a fascinating theme, Fleischman has drowned his subject in a ponderous and cumbersom prose style that makes reading a chore.

Fortunately the chore is worth the extra effort because what emerges is a portrait of one of America's unique political personalities.

Thomas was born into a moderately well off American family. His father was a Princeton Theological School graduate and early in life Norman was exposed to a puritan ethic that was to remain with him to the end.

"I am so old fashioned," Thomas once wrote in an autobiography, "as to be glad that I lived in a home, a time and an environment in which sin and moral vices were realities to be forgiven and cured but not condoned."

This sense of moral rectitude was ultimately the cause of Thomas' break with the Church.

As an ordained minister himself (having gone to the same theological school as his father) Norman Thomas found too great a disparity between the teachings of his church and the practice not only of its communicants but of its leaders.

The rupture, however, was not a violent one, but a gradual disillusionment with establishment values and preoccupations.

Living in New York exposed the young thinker to the poverty of the masses and their exploitation by unscrupulous capitalist barons.

After leaving the ministry, Thomas became involved in the American socialist movement and slowly moved to a position of leadership.

Before long he was heading the party ticket in presidential elections.

Needless to say, none of Thomas' opponents ever lost any sleep over the fact of Norman Thomas' socialist candidacy because even in his most successful campaigns, he never polled more than a tiny fraction of the vote.

But despite the poor showing at the polls, Thomas always exercised a considerable moral influence over his country.

In his later years he became a kind of elder statesman who was consulted by American presidents for his precious advice.

The reason that Thomas was so admired, stemmed from his absolute honesty. He was equally critical of communism as he was of capitalism. He often attacked corrupt unionism in the same was as he fought the corporate structures.

Thomas always had a curious relationship to the Jewish people. Despite the fact that many Jews rallied around the socialist banner in the twenties and thirties, Thomas was never considered a hero in their eyes.

In fact the Jewish press, notably the Forward, often wrote critically about Thomas.

One of the principle reasons was because Thomas was an incorrigible pacifist, a position which he defended with courage and dignity.

But when the war clouds were descending over Europe in the late thirties and Jews were being sacrificed to the Nazism, Thomas' pacifism sounded rather shallow.

Again, Jewish people, were not overly impressed by the spectacle of Thomas consorting with Charles Lindberg and the America firsters. They were also chagrined to watch Thomas go out of his way to defend Lindberg against the charge of anti-semitism.

Fleischman devotes a whole chapter in his book to detailing Thomas' connection with the Arab-Israeli issue.

Although a nominal supporter of the Jewish state, Thomas had several reservations about the circumstances which led to its founding.

In his seventies, accompanied by Binghampton University's Don Peretz, Thomas made a tour of the Middle East and spoke to Arab and Jewish leaders.

This trip made him really conscious for the first time of the flimsiness of Arab socialism, which he even caricatured by saying that the party's motto was "Liberty, equality and revenge!"

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